(b) Ministry of External Affairs as the administrative Ministry is competent to fill up the posts in Central Passport Organisation in accordance with recruitment rules notified by them.

Agreement on agricultural development

@1499. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that more than 90,000 rural people in Maharashtra are expected to get benefit from the US dollar 29.2 million as per the loan agreement signed between India and International Fund for agricultural Development;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the agreement;

(c) the areas in that State which is likely to be benefited by this agreement;

(d) whether the creation of self-help scheme aims at helping the people living below the poverty line in rural areas; and

(e) what is the total amount of loan expected to be utilised by those people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAM BHAI B. PATEAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Main terms and conditions of the agreement are:

(i) United Nations Development Programme/Office of the Project Services will be appointed as the Cooperating Institution.

(ii) A service charge @ 1 per cnt per annum on the amount of the loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time shall be paid to the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

(iii) The principal amount of loan shall be paid in 80 equal semi-annual instalments starting from 1st July, 2003 in U.S. Dollars.

(iv) Closing date of the loan will be 30th September, 2000 or any other later date as notified by International Fund for Agricultural Development.

(v) The proceeds of the loan will be made available to Government of Maharashtra and NABARD for carrying out the project, NABARD shall make the proceeds of the loan available to the participating banks under a refinancing agreement.

(vi) Arrangements will be established for monitoring the progress of the project and ongoing evaluation of the effects of the project.

(vii) Appropriate measures may be taken to achieve the objective of reaching positive interest rates over time.

(viii) The participating banks shall minimise their costs in extending the credit to the borrowers.

(ix) The Project Steering Committee and the District Project-Co-ordinating Committee in the Project Area will be established.

(c) The project will commence in the four districts of Yavatmal, Chandrapur, Nanded and Pune in the first year. After mid-term review/Evaluation, expension of the project area to more districts will be decided.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A total amount of U.S. Dollars 1,355,200 is proposed to be provided as loans to self-help groups.

Unauthorised occupation of Gram Sabha Land

1500. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land of Gram Sabha Bathain Kalan Tehsil Chhata, District Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, has been occupied by some persons unauthorisedly;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for vacation of Gram Sabha land;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said land which is to be allotted to

@Previously Unstarred Question 1543, transferred from 30th July, 1993.

the weaker sections of the society has been allotted to the upper class persons;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to introduce the Master Plan in the villages; and

(f) if so, by when, this Master Plan will be implemented in Bathain Kalan, District Mathura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For vacation of Gram Sabha land cases were filed under Section 122-B of the U.P. Zaminadari Abolition & Land Reforms Act, 1950 in the court of Tehsildar Chhata. Of the total 8 such cases, notices were withdrawn in respect of 3 of them and in the remaining 5 cases eviction orders were passed against which revision applications have been filed in the court of District Magistrate, Mathara.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. According to the information received from the State Government 47 persons belongig to upper class who were not eligible were given possession of land. Subsequently, after enquiry, a case has been filed in the court of District Magistrate Mathura under the U.P. Zamindari Abolition & Land Reforms Act, 1950 for cancellation of patta and action against the employees/officers found guily in this regard is being taken as per rules.

(e) and (f) There is no such proposal at present for Mathura District.

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा मांगी गई सहायता

1501. **श्री शांति त्यागी** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सरकार से जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत खाद्यान्न की बजाय नकद सहायता की मांग की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने यह अनुरोध स्वीकार कर लिया है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : (क) जी, हां

(ख) जी नहीं । जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत नियोजित श्रमिकों के पोषाहार स्तरों में सुधार लाने की आवश्यकता को देखते हुए योज के अन्तर्गत सृजित प्रति श्रम दिन 2 किलोग्राम खाद्यान्नों के वितरण को अनिवार्य बनाया गया है।

अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जन-जाति के व्यक्तियों को भूमि पर कब्जा दिलाया जाना

1502. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति से संबंधित व्यक्तियों को विभिन्न भूमि सुधारों के तहत भूमि पर कब्जा दिलाने के लिए कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है ;

(ख) क्या उक्त लक्ष्य को हासिल नहीं किया गया है, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार को इस लक्ष्य को पूरा करने में क्या कठिनाई पेश आ रही है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय के (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : (क) देश में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों को भूमि का कब्जा दिलाने के कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किए जाते हैं । तथापि, सरकार राज्य सरकारों के परामर्श से वित्तीय वर्ष के आरम्भ में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति तथा पिछड़ी जातियों के लोगों सहित ग्रामीण गरीबों को अधिशेष भूमि के वितरण के लक्ष्य निर्धारित करती रही है । मुख्य लाभार्थी अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों और पिछड़ी जातियां के हैं ।